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"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION NOTICE, THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN, CARRIERS, THE MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD AND OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subdivision (3) of subsection (d) of section 14-36 of the
4 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

6 (3) If the commissioner requires a written test of any applicant
7 under this section, the test shall be given in English, [or] Spanish,
8 Vietnamese or Albanian at the option of the applicant, provided the
9 commissioner shall require that the applicant shall have sufficient
10 understanding of English for the interpretation of traffic control signs.

11 Sec. 502. Subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the
12 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

13 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

14 (3) Before granting a license to any applicant who has not
15 previously held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or who
16 has not operated a motor vehicle during the preceding two years, the
17 commissioner shall require the applicant to demonstrate personally to
18 the commissioner, a deputy or a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of
19 the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, that
20 the applicant is a proper person to operate motor vehicles of the class
21 for which such applicant has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the
22 mechanism of the motor vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him
23 or her and has satisfactory knowledge of the laws concerning motor
24 vehicles and the rules of the road. The knowledge test of an applicant
25 for a class D motor vehicle operator's license may be administered in
26 such form as the commissioner deems appropriate, including audio,
27 electronic or written testing. Such knowledge test shall be
28 administered in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Albanian or any
29 language spoken at home by at least one per cent of the state's
30 population, according to statistics prepared by the United States
31 Census Bureau, based on the most recent decennial census. Each such
32 knowledge test shall include a question concerning highway work
33 zone safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle
34 under section 14-212d. Each such knowledge test shall include not less
35 than one question concerning distracted driving, the use of mobile
36 telephones and electronic devices by motor vehicle operators or the
37 responsibilities of motor vehicle operators under section 14-296aa. If
38 any such applicant has held a license from a state, territory or
39 possession of the United States where a similar examination is
40 required, the commissioner may waive part or all of the examination.
41 If any such applicant is (A) a veteran who applies not later than two
42 years after the date of discharge from the military and who, prior to
43 such discharge, held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of
44 the same class as that for which such applicant has applied, or (B) a
45 member of the armed forces or the National Guard who currently
46 holds a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class

47 as that for which such applicant has applied, the commissioner shall
48 waive all of the examination, except in the case of commercial motor
49 vehicle licenses, the commissioner shall only waive the driving skills
50 test for such applicant who meets the conditions set forth in 49 CFR
51 383.77. For the purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means any person
52 who was discharged or released under conditions other than
53 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces and "armed
54 forces" has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103. When the
55 commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and competency of any
56 applicant, the commissioner may issue to such applicant a license,
57 either unlimited or containing such limitations as the commissioner
58 deems advisable, and specifying the class of motor vehicles which the
59 licensee is eligible to operate."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	14-36(d)(3)
Sec. 502	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	14-36(e)(3)